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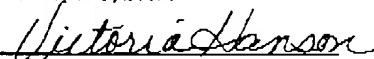
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Dear Sir:

Further in response to an Office Action mailed February 21, 2002, please amend this application as indicated herein.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 3, 5, 9, 12, 19, 28, 34, 61, and 64 as given below.

1. (Twice Amended) A composite acellular product forming a collagen support comprising at least one porous collagen layer covered on at least one side with a compact collagen membrane selected from the group consisting of a collagen film prepared by drying a collagen gel and from a compressed collagen sponge prepared by a compression of a collagen sponge at a pressure of at least about 50 bar.

3. (Twice Amended) The product of claim 1, wherein the collagen of at least one of the porous layer and of compact membrane is selected from the group consisting of collagen and a mixture of collagen with a substance selected from the group consisting of a polysaccharide, a cellulose, dextran, an alginate and a carrageenan.